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Mr. Lowell P. Braxton
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Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
Utah Department of Natural Resources
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Salt Lake City, Utah 84180-1203

Dear ~~Mr. Braxton~~ *Lowell* Braxton:

Subject: Dump Leach Area 3

Please find attached a copy of a letter to Mr. D. A. Ostler, Utah Bureau of Water Pollution Control, discussing the anticipated Dump Leach Area 3 construction schedule. As indicated, we have requested some very limited activities be allowed to commence in advance of the anticipated public notice period expiration date of mid-June for the "Notice of Intent to Issue a Groundwater Discharge Permit."

Barrick is simultaneously seeking such concurrence from the Division, also in advance of our public notice period expiration date for the "Notice of Intent to Modify Large Mining Operation" (M/045/017). We do not anticipate any significant public comment on this action and feel the referenced work activity does not jeopardize the ongoing regulatory process.

Barrick appreciates your continued cooperation and the efforts of your staff on this project. Please contact me should any questions arise concerning this request.

Respectfully,



Glenn M. Eurick
Environmental Affairs Coordinator (USA)

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Attachment

cc: F. D. Wicks D. R. Bird (Parsons, Behle & Latimer)
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May 9, 1990

Mr. Donald A. Ostler, P.E.
Executive Secretary
Utah Water Pollution Committee
P.O. Box 16690
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-0690

Dear Mr. Ostler:

Subject: Dump Leach Area 3


Pursuant to your discussion with our Mr. Frank Wicks on May 2, 1990, Barrick proposes to perform the following activities related to Dump Leach Area 3 and requests your concurrence at this time:

- On or about June 4, 1990, allow for general earthwork contractor mobilization of heavy equipment to the Mercur site.
- During the period of \pm June 4 through \pm July 2, 1990, complete compaction of the foundation waste rock dump which will ultimately underlie the proposed Dump Leach Area 3.

Barrick in no way intends to commence construction of any aspect of Dump Leach Area 3 involved with the ultimate environmental protective measures. No such work will be done in advance of the public notice period expiration and subsequent issuance of a Groundwater Discharge Permit or Construction Permit (conditional or final). This work effort is necessary to ensure an adequate construction period for project completion by November 1990.

Barrick appreciates your continued cooperation and the efforts of your staff on this project. Please contact me should any question arise concerning this request.

Respectfully,


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